

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-6 and 8-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 3, 4, and 7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 10-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art.

Claims 4 and 9 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claims 1, 5 and 10 have been amended to include all the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Claim 20 includes the subject matter of allowable claim 9 and its base claim. Each of these independent claims is therefore now in allowable form. All remaining claims depend from the allowable independent claims. Therefore, the prior art rejections are moot.

Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Office Action characterizations of the claims and/or references, Applicants choose not to discuss such matters. Consequently, the lack of explicit discussion is not to be understood as agreement.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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